

# LOVE *Where You* LIVE

A Neighboring Project of the Senatobia Church of Christ • LifeGroups Study for September 18, 2016 • "THE WAY"

## ICEBREAKER

- What is the longest physical journey you have ever been on? What is the longest head to heart journey you have ever been on?

## THE TEXT

- Read aloud the text for this series, **Matt 22.35-40**, and for this lesson, **John 14.1-7**.

## THE SERMON

- What is the difference between knowing (oida, having factual knowledge) and knowing (ginosko, depth of insight). What other word or words might you use for the latter?

### FROM THE SERMON:

*"...maybe the way the church will thrive and survive in our culture won't happen from an institutional perspective, but it may happen as we love God and love our neighbors, as you and I become the church, not just GO TO church."*

- Why is "being, or becoming the church" going to have a greater impact than "going to church," especially in today's culture? How is this connected to views of authenticity, or lack of it, by the world?
- Why might "The Way" or "people of the Way" be better descriptors than "church" or "Christian?"

## REFLECT

- Talk about journeys you have undertaken in life when you had no idea what you were getting into.
- What was so bold about Jesus's promises regarding the staying power of what he said he would build (Mt. 16)? How has that promise been realized?

- What can you do to "become church" in ways you never have before? What can the Senatobia church do to "become church" like never before?

Mike shared this African proverb:

***"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."***

- Jesus is inviting us on a journey from head to heart. Who can you invite to come along:

**IN YOUR FAMILY?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ON YOUR STREET?** \_\_\_\_\_

**AT YOUR JOB?** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER?** \_\_\_\_\_

- What are some of the other "ways" people claim to know to get to God? How do they fall short?
- What things can you do this week to get past your intellectual knowledge of Christ, and into the Kingdom work of Christ with your neighbors?

## CHALLENGE: A Call To Action

Begin to compile a list of people you would invite to be a part of the journey with you. Pray over their names until you see a way to reach out to them, without any agenda other than love.

## PRAY

*Father, in the name of your son Jesus we pray... Holy, holy, holy is your name! Thank you for bringing us into your kingdom of light. May we share this journey with family, friends, neighbors, and people we haven't even yet met. Help us know your love that surpasses knowledge, and may that knowledge pour out of our hearts to every neighbor we have. May we surpass being close to your kingdom, and be firmly planted in it for your glory. Amen.*